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[54] **SYSTEM FOR DATA TRANSFER THROUGH AN I/O DEVICE USING A MEMORY ACCESS CONTROLLER WHICH RECEIVES AND STORES INDICATION OF A DATA STATUS SIGNAL**

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**ABSTRACT**

A method and system for transferring units of data between a computer memory and an external system in which a DMA controller stores and uses information from an I/O device interfacing with the external system to transfer data more efficiently.

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